

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Indiana Geological and Water Survey on the 185th anniversary of state-supported geological study in Indiana.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Indiana
2 Geological and Water Survey on the 185th anniversary of
3 state-supported geological study in Indiana.

4 *Whereas, On February 6, 1837, the Indiana General*
5 *Assembly authorized the Governor "to appoint and commission*
6 *a person of talents, integrity, and suitable scientific*
7 *acquirements as Geologist for the State of Indiana";*

8 *Whereas, Governor Noah Noble chose David Dale Owen*
9 *of New Harmony to be the first State Geologist, and Owen*
10 *would go on to travel hundreds of miles on horseback*
11 *examining the state's geology, including its stone and coal*
12 *resources;*

13 *Whereas, Owen submitted two reports of his field work to*
14 *the General Assembly, which provided the basis for the work of*
15 *the Indiana state geologists who succeeded him by correctly*
16 *identifying the stratigraphic succession of Indiana bedrock and*
17 *revealing a scientific method for finding stone, clay, and other*
18 *underground resources for the Indiana economy;*

19 *Whereas, In 1859, the General Assembly authorized a*



1 *geological survey under the authority of the State Board of*
2 *Agriculture and a second geological study was completed in*
3 *1862;*

4 *Whereas, Over the ensuing decades state-supported*
5 *geological studies took various forms until it arrived at the*
6 *current Indiana Geological and Water Survey ("the IGWS"),*
7 *which is directed by the state geologist and operated under the*
8 *auspices of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University;*

9 *Whereas, It is the mission of the IGWS to research, survey,*
10 *collect, and preserve geologic specimens and data, and*
11 *disseminate information to contribute to the mitigation of*
12 *geologic hazards and the wise stewardship of the energy,*
13 *mineral, and water resources of Indiana;*

14 *Whereas, Throughout its storied history, the scientists of*
15 *the IGWS have created and refined state geologic data and*
16 *have grown the collection of Indiana geologic specimens to*
17 *more than 2 million items valued at \$2 billion; and*

18 *Whereas, On the occasion of its 185th anniversary, it is*
19 *fitting that the Indiana Senate recognizes the IGWS for its*
20 *contribution to the advancement of science and the*
21 *preservation and development of Indiana's natural resources:*
22 *Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the Indiana
26 Geological and Water Survey on the 185th anniversary of
27 state-supported geological study in Indiana.

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
29 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to IGWS Director and
30 State Geologist, Todd Thompson.

